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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4746

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PRIORITY EFFORT TO DEFEAT PRG INVITATION TO LOS

CONFERENCE

REF: NAIROBI 7509

1. PER REFTTEL, MISOFF APPROACHED KENYAN LOS EXPERT NJENGA NOV 13 TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LOS INVITATION TO PRG. AFTER EXPLANATION US POSITION, NJENGA SAID IF HE WERE TO PERSONALLY MAKE DECISION HE WOULD VOTE "NO" SINCE INVITATION OF PRG WOULD MEAN TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENTS ATTENDING LOS CONFERENCE. MOREOVER, HE ADDED, SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONFINED TO CREDENTIALS ASPECT. DESPITE LEGAL ARGUMENT, HOWEVER, NJENGA NOTED THAT THERE ARE "POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS" WHICH WOULD AFFECT KENYA'S VOTE. NJENGA SAID THEREFORE HE INSTRUCTED TO ABSTAIN.

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2. MISOFF NOTED USG DISAPPOINTMENT BUT UNDERSTANDING FOR KENYAN POSITION. SHE ASKED IF IT POSSIBLE TO INFORM OTHER AFRICAN DELS THAT KENYA WOULD ABSTAIN IN VIEW OF INFLUENTIAL POSITION KENYA HAS ON LOS ISSUES. NJENGA SAID NOT ONLY COULD WE TELL OTHER DELS OF KENYA'S POSITION, BUT HE HMSELF HAS ARGUED AGAINST RAISING PRG CREDENTIALS QUESTION IN PLENARY. IN RESPONSE TO MISOFF QUESTION ABOUT LOBBYING BY OTHER SIDE, NJENGA RESPONDED THAT THERE HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY LITTLE. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT "THOSE CRAZY ALGERIANS WILL DO".

3. MISOFF ALSO RAISED PRG QUESTION WITH INDONESIAN DELOFF KAMIL, WHO SAID HE HAD HEARD LITTLE ABOUT LOBBYING EFFORTS BY OTHER SIDE BUT HIS DEL UNLIKELY BE INFORMED. HE SUSPECTS PRG INVITATION QUESTION WILL BE RAISED IN PLENARY.

4. COMMENT: USUN CONTINUES BELIEVE THAT BEST WAY DEFEAT OPPOSITION IS TO LOBBY STRONGLY FOR OUR POSITION IN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT IT BEING PRESSED TO VOTE. IF THIS NOT SUCCESSFUL, HOPEFULLY OUR REPRESENTATIONS WILL INFLUENCE ENOUGH DELS, ESPECIALLY AFRICANS, TO ABSTAIN ON THIS QUESTION. IN THAT CONNECTION NJENGA'S RESPONSE IS ESPECIALLY HELPFUL.
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